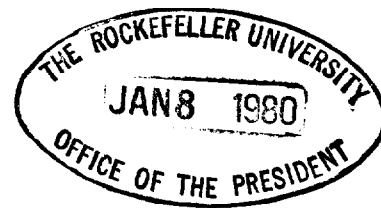


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Dr. Joshua Lederberg, President
The Rockefeller University
1230 York Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Dear Josh:

I enjoyed very much the opportunity to talk with you during our recent visit to New York. Subsequently, I gave your secretary over the telephone the names of the individuals you may wish to consider for the position in Bethesda that you called to my attention.

As I indicated, I am enclosing the following information regarding the MacArthur Foundation:

John D. and Katherine MacArthur Foundation
1000 Sunset Ridge Road
Northbrook, IL 60062

Dr. John Corbally, President

Subsequent to my conversation with you, I have learned that they are accepting proposals and providing some information regarding the scope of the programs that they wish to support. In my opinion, in view of the rather large sum of money that they should distribute in 1980, they might consider an endowment fund in the name of John and Katherine MacArthur or your plans for a library. This is only a surmise on my part.

Edna and I look forward to seeing Marguerite and you, if your schedules permit, on our next visit to New York.

I might add that in talking with Mary Sherman and Sam Silverstein, I have learned that their program on plasminogen activator and inhibitor is proceeding well. Dr. Sherman is ready with her portion of a potential patent application that you may wish to consider as soon as Dr. Silverstein has prepared his portion of the joint program. I mention this since, as you are aware, Syntex has a very major interest in antithrombotic agents and at present we are testing a variety of compounds in both in vitro and in vivo assays. Therefore, when the data from Sloan-Kettering and Rockefeller have been filed and can be discussed, I might suggest that the next step would be a visit out here by Dr. Sherman and Dr.

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Silverstein. I believe that this is a program that Syntex would support.

I mentioned briefly to you the question of whether faculty members at Rockefeller could serve as consultants to Syntex. Perhaps I put it incorrectly when I indicated that this might be a method of our learning something about ongoing programs at Rockefeller. Rather, I know that the intent is to pick selected programs in which there is an interest here and to suggest that the senior investigator in charge of that specific program become a consultant to Syntex. This obviously, at an appropriate time, should be discussed by you with John Fried.

Edna joins me in sending warmest regards and all best wishes to Marguerite and you for a happy and healthy New Year.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Abe'.

Abraham White

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